

**MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Morgan Selph, Chair

Ted Eyre

Bob VanBibber

Dani Murikami

Lisa Nelson, Vice Chair, Excused

Staff

Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair, Morgan Selph.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ted Eyre made a motion to approve the February 11, 2009 board minutes as written. Bob VanBibber seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Morgan Selph asked Dani Murikami to take a few minutes and introduce herself as a new board member. Dani stated that she has lived in Murray for the past 17 years. She said that she and her husband have raised four kids; the youngest being a senior in high school. She said that her husband, Dez Murikami, is in charge of the state's Parents Empowered Program that targets underage drinking. Dani said that she works at Love Communications which is an advertising agency.

REVIEW OF THE 2009-2010 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET

Doug said that the Mayor asked that the budgets be shared with the various boards. This year, with the economy the way it is, Murray City will not be able to do as much as in previous years.

Doug stated that he would give an overview of the budget and board members were welcome to ask any questions as he moved through the budget sheets which were given to all members.

Doug said that the city has experienced a decrease in sales tax revenue this fiscal year. The city's fiscal year goes from July 1st to June 30th. This fiscal year, the Mayor and Council asked that the departments reduce their budgets by \$1.4 million. Doug said that the budget that funds most of Parks and Recreation is the general fund. The general fund is comprised of about \$30 million dollars which funds Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, and most of City Hall services. Of the \$30 million dollars, approximately 40% is generated from sales tax. Doug explained that the other budgets in the city are enterprise funds; they are run like a business, i.e., you spend what you bring in. These funds are power, water, sewer, and golf course and are not part of the \$30 million dollars.

Because of the decrease in revenue generated from sales tax, several projects have been dropped from the budget, i.e., the pavilions in Murray Park, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and other minor items. In putting together the budget for next year, another \$1 million dollar decrease is being estimated. The Mayor's budget this year does not include any increases for employees.

Doug explained that each department submits a budget to the Mayor, the Mayor then submits his budget to the City Council, and the Council then has a couple of months to review the budgets and make any changes they feel are necessary. The budget is officially adopted in June. As of July 1, departments may begin spending dollars which have been approved.

Doug passed out a 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year Budget sheet for capital projects. Doug explained that on this sheet, yellow highlighted line items were approved in the Mayor's budget. Doug pointed out that several of the requested line items were not funded due to the estimated decrease in revenue.

Also included in the handouts to board members was a Parks and Recreation revenue sheet ranging from 1999 to 2008. Doug said that this sheet could be used to compare revenue to expenses. He also stated that as a general philosophy, Murray City has always had a tradition of subsidizing Parks and Recreation. Doug went through each of the budgets for Parks and Recreation, comparing expenses versus revenue, and answered questions from board members.

Doug stated that a recommendation was not necessary on the budget. Morgan Selph said that he had a concern of not funding treadmills, spin bikes, etc. for the Park Center because it ends up to be a customer service issue when equipment is not working properly. Doug said that he was in agreement and stated that there is a line item in the budget which allows replacement purchases.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug said that he wanted to thank Morgan for serving on the board in the chair position and serving as Master of Ceremonies for the Arbor Day Celebration on April 24th. Doug will supply Morgan with a program prior to April 24th.

Doug said that he had received a request from the Murray City Library, who is putting together a strategic plan, and they would like to have a representative from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board serve on the committee. Ted Eyre agreed to be the representative.

Doug reported that Cory Plant, Recreation Director, is recovering from full knee replacement surgery. He is starting to come back part time.

QUESTIONS

Morgan Selph asked about the proposed hotel on the Take 5 property. Doug said that Mayor Snarr is trying to help the owners/developers of the property acquire some additional property from Salt Lake County in order to have adequate parking for the site. This project has not come to the Planning Commission.

There was also a question asked about the Freeze property. Doug said that he didn't know what the selling price for the property was, but nothing was happening as far as a potential sale at this time.

A question was asked about someone renting the concession stand in the park for the summer. Doug reported that Bryan Hill, the same individual who rented the building last summer, is planning to operate the concession stand this summer.

The outdoor ice rink building was asked about. Doug said that there were no current plans; this would have been part of the new Master Plan which is on hold at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted Eyre made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bob VanBibber seconded. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 5:30pm in the Parks and Recreation conference room.